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**PREFACE**

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training areas or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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**MILITARY TRAINING AREA**

(37-26N 061-42E)

MARY, TURKMENSKAYA SSR, USSR

TURKESTAN MD

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JIB No:

COMOR No:

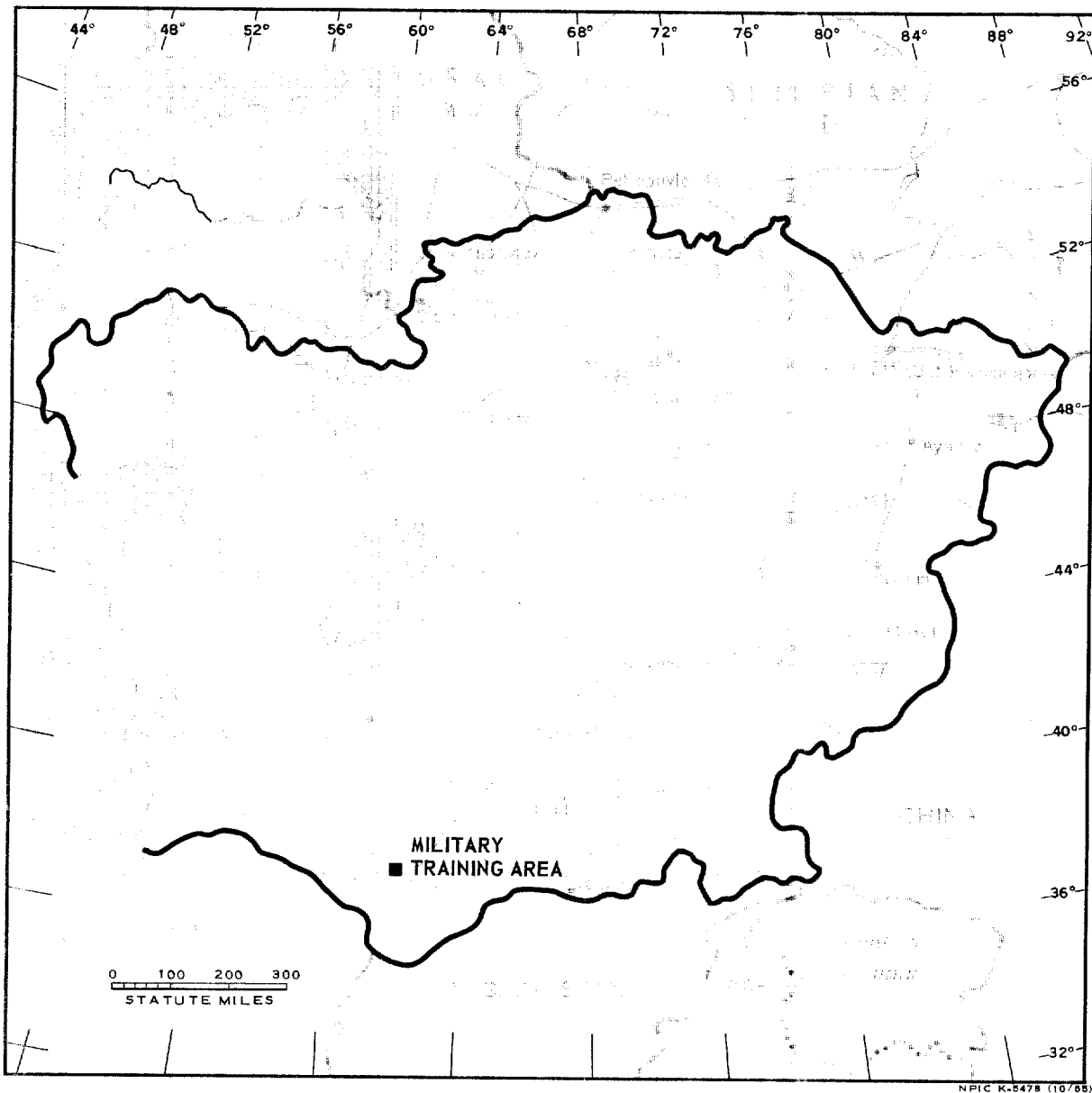


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF MILITARY TRAINING AREA.

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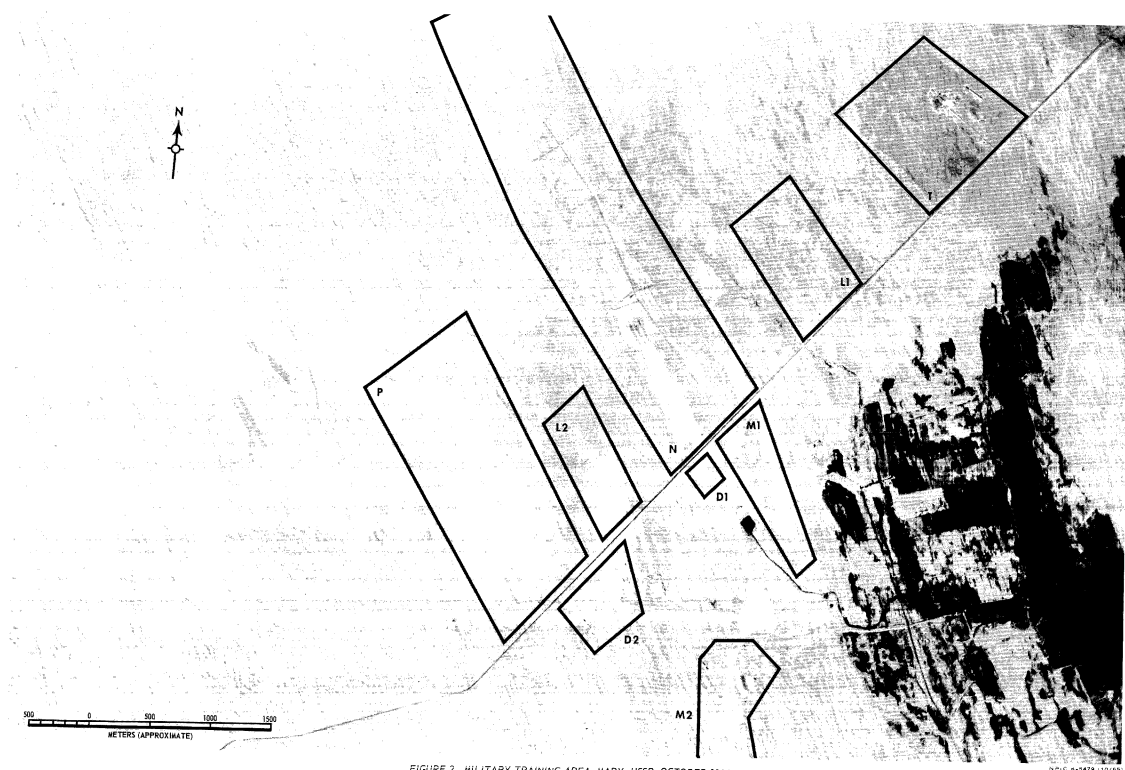


FIGURE 2. MILITARY TRAINING AREA, MARY, USSR, OCTOBER 1964.

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## SUMMARY

A military training area is located approximately 15 kilometers (km) northwest of Mary (Figure 1).

The area contains approximately 15 support/storage buildings, 22 - 25 range support buildings, 2 tracked-vehicle driver-training courses, a flat-trajectory firing range, 2 sub-caliber firing ranges, 1 tank/assault-gun firing

range with 3 active lanes, and 2 bivouac areas, 1 with tent platforms (Figure 2).

The area has been covered by 1 TALENT mission and 5 KEYHOLE missions of interpretable quality between July 1959 and October 1964. Heavy scarring within the tank/assault-gun range area indicates that the area is active.

## DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

Railroad Service

A major rail line serves Mary.

Road Service

A secondary road from Mary serves the area.

Aircraft Landing Strips

The nearest support facility is the Mary civil airfield, approximately 14 km northeast of the installation. An emergency landing field is approximately 40 km southwest of the area. In addition, 2 military airfields which support jet fighter aircraft are nearby.

Administration and Troop Housing Areas

Areas D1 and D2 are bivouac areas, 1 with an undetermined number of tent platforms.

Subcaliber Firing Ranges

Area L1 is a 2,400- by 2,000-foot subcaliber firing range with 7 moving-target runs at various angles from the forward firing points.

Area L2 is a 2,000- by 1,200-foot subcaliber firing range with 5 moving target runs located approximately 1,800- to 2,000-feet from the forward firing points.

Driver-Training Areas

Area M1, located directly across from the tank/assault-gun firing range, is a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course which may be used for simulating tank/assault-gun attacks.

Area M2, located southeast of the tank-training area, is a probable tracked-vehicle driver-training course. Heavy scarring indicates the course is in use. Five support buildings are located just outside the training area.

Tank/Assault-Gun Firing Range

Area N, located within the center of the complex, contains a 12,200-foot tank/assault-gun firing range with three 2,580-foot lanes and 8 moving targets and 5 range support buildings. Heavy scarring indicates that the range is active.

Flat-Trajectory Firing Range

Area P contains a 6,600-foot probable flat-trajectory firing range with 6 moving target runs (4 located approximately 900 feet from the forward firing points) and 6 range support buildings. No activity was observed on October 1964 photography.

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